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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES TWO CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19



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Panama City, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) received confirmation of two additional cases of COVID-19. Bay County residents include a 4-year-old female and a 76-year-old female. One of the new cases had prior contact with a confirmed case. One case is travel-related. Bay County's total diagnosed COVID-19 cases now stands at 132, including five non-resident cases.

DOH-Bay is conducting contact investigations and working to identify and notify individuals who need to self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Contact investigations are a critical way for staff epidemiologists to track and prevent the spread of disease.

Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 3 percent. Of the 4,592 tests processed, 4,458 tests are negative. Four Bay County residents, or 3 percent of all positive Bay County cases, have died from COVID-19. A total of 14 Bay County residents, or 11 percent of all cases, have been hospitalized with COVID-19.

Data is preliminary and subject to change based on public health investigations.

Addresses of Bay County residents	127
Panama City	81
Panama City Beach	20
Lynn Haven	12
Youngstown	4
Callaway	3
Southport	3
Parker	1
Tyndall Air Force Base	1
Fountain	2

Total Case Overview	132
Traveled	16
Contact with confirmed case	61
Travel & contact with confirmed case	3
No or unknown contact with a confirmed case	51

Cases in facility staff/ residents	11
Long-Term Care	7 (6% of all cases)
Corrections	4 (3% of all cases)

DOH will offer free drive-through testing to any person over 18 at the following dates and locations:

JUNE DRIVE THROUGH TESTING SITES			
Where	When	Who	How
DOH-Bay 597 W. 11 th ST Panama City, FL 32401	Monday, June 8 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Adults 18+ with or without symptoms	Drive through, no appointment or referral needed
Parking area next to Seahaven Beach Resort 15191 Front Breach Rd. Panama City Beach, FL 32413	Tuesday, June 16 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Adults 18+ with or without symptoms	Drive through, no appointment or referral needed

DOH-Bay is now testing anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, including children, at the 597 W. 11th St. location. For screening, please call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and follow the prompts. Testing is by appointment only.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- New loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea

- Sore throat

The Florida Department of Health also offers a list of long-term care facilities in Florida associated with COVID-19 cases and provides real-time data about [active cases](#) and number of [deaths](#) in each facility.

The Florida Department of Health also provides a [COVID-19 dashboard](#) updated daily at 10 a.m. as well as a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county, available at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](#).

Friday, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) announced that antibody COVID-19 test results data is now available. This weekly [report](#) contains county, race and lab information on antibody COVID-19 tests conducted in Florida.

For more Information on COVID-19

For text alert updates from the Florida Department of Health in Bay County, text “bayhealth” to 888-777. For additional information specific to Bay County, visit [BayHealthCOVID19.com](#). Contact the Citizens Information Center seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at (850) 248-6090, or email ask@baycountyfl.gov.

For state-level text alerts, text FLCOVID19 to 888-777. To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 website at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](#). For information and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 [website](#). For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory [website](#).

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, call (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

The free *StrongerThanC19* app is available to both iOS and Android users and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google app stores. The *StrongerThanC19* app and [website](#) are designed to gather information to help the Department of Health track and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Florida; they are not intended to be used as a symptom checker designed to dispense medical advice.

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